

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 954

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Food City on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable commercial endeavor is Food City, which has been serving its neighbors for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Humphreys family opened their first supermarket, Quality Foods, in Greeneville on April 9, 1918; and

WHEREAS, as the Quality Foods chain of supermarkets continued to grow, Jack C. Smith opened his first Piggly Wiggly store in Grundy, Virginia, in 1955 with his father, Curtis, cousin, Ernest, and uncle, Earl; the Smith family then built three additional locations, purchased several smaller chain stores in 1974, and formed a joint venture that resulted in partial ownership of Mid-Mountain Foods, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Smith family purchased Quality Foods in 1984, doubling the size of their company, and renamed the grocery chain Food City; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of current president and chief executive officer Steven C. Smith, Food City has scheduled events throughout the year to celebrate its centennial, including the Food City \$100,000 Treasure Hunt, and the company will donate \$100,000 to charitable organizations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Food City has been a local, family-owned company for a century, and it is wholly fitting that its owners, management, and staff be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Smith family and the management and employees of Food City on the occasion of the chain's 100th anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for many years of continuing success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.